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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE REGARDING DEMONSTRATIONS IN
FRONT OF THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOVIET NOTE SUMMARIZED REFTEL:
2. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE FOLLOWING.
3. SINCE MARCH 27, 1973, OPPOSITE THE EMBASSY BUILDING ON
16 TH STREET, 50 FEET AWAY FROM ITS ENTRANCE, AN
INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED BY AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS AS MARK
YAMPOLSKY HAS TAKEN UP A POSITION, IN ORDER, ALLEGEDLY,
TO CONDUCT SOME SORT OF A " PROTEST HUNGER STRIKE."
THIS ENTIRE ACTION HAS THE CHARACTER OF AN OPEN ANTI-
SOVIET POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION, AND PRECISELY AS SUCH
IT IS RECEIVING WIDE PUBLICITY IN THE AMERICAN PRESS.

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4. GROUPS OF PEOPLE GATHER REGULARLY AROUND YAMPOLSKY, ANTI- SOVIET LEAFLETS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED, ETC.

5. IGNORING PERTINENT NOTES OF THE EMBASSY TO THE STATE
- DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISION OF 500 FEET WHEN DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING HELD AT THE BUILDINGS OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON,

AND THUS PATENTLY VIOLATING FEDERAL LAW (92-539) ON THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE US, RECENTLY PASSED BY THE CONGRESS AND APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE US, THE POLICE AND THE AUTHORITIES AFFORD YAMPOLSKY AND HIS ACOLYTES THE FULL POSSIBILITY OF PURSUING THEIR PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITY IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY BUILDING.

6. EXPLOITING THIS CONNIVANCE OF THE AUTHORITIES, THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS ON APRIL 3, 1973, CARRIED OUT ANOTHER ANTI- SOVIET SORTIE, WHICH WAS OBVIOUSLY PLANNED IN ADVANCE IN CONNECTION WITH YAMPOLSKY'S " HUNGER STRIKE." ON THAT DAY, AT 11:50 A. M., TWO BUSES BROUGHT TO THE BUILDING OF THE USSR EMBASSY A GROUP OF SOME 70 SCHOOLCHILDREN WHO WERE USED TO PUT ON A DEMONSTRATION ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY AND CHANTED ANTI- SOVIET SLOGANS. THIS DEMONSTRATION LASTED UNTIL 12:50 P. M. AGAIN THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES MADE NO MOVE TO STOP THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY OF THE ZIONISTS.

7. THE EMBASSY, MOREOVER, CANNOT BUT EXPRESS ITS ASTONISHMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, HAS, IN POINT OF FACT, PUBLICLY ENCOURAGED THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES OF THE AFOREMENTIONED YAMPOLSKY AND THOSE WHO STAND BEHIND HIS SO- CALLED " HUNGER STRIKE" WHEN ITS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR. JOHN KING, TOLD NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS ABOUT THE RECENT NOTE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO THE EMBASSY IN SUPPORT OF YAMPOLSKY'S REQUESTS. THE ACTIONS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE ALL THE HARDER TO UNDERSTAND INASMUCH AS THEY CAN BE CHARACTERIZED ONLY AS INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY.

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8. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS EMPHATICALLY INSISTS THAT EFFECTIVE MEASURES BE TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE PROVOCATIONS OF THIS KIND, AND EXPECTS THAT THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, IN COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICAN LAW, WILL FINALLY CEASE TO PERMIT POLITICAL ANTI- SOVIET DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE EMBASSY ENTRANCE, I. E. 50 FEET FROM IT RATHER THAN 500 FEET AS PROVIDED BY US LAW. THE EMBASSY ALSO ASSUMES THAT BOTH SIDES ARE INTERESTED IN NOT INTRODUCING ANY ADDITIONAL COMPLICATING ELEMENTS INTO SOVIET- AMERICAN RELATIONS, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WHICH OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW UNDERTAKING ACTIVE EFFORTS. PORTER

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